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1. WEEKLY NEWS MAGAZINE "POGLED," ORGAN OF UNION OF
BULGARIAN JOURNALISTS, IN ITS SEPT 29 EDITION CARRIES REVIEW
OF RUSSIAN LANGUAGE BOOK "ANTENNAE ARE DIRECTED TO EAST,"
APPARENTLY RECENTLY PUBLISHED IN SOVIET UNION. REVIEW BY
LYUBOMIR KOLAROV SAYS BOOK, WRITTEN BY GEORGI BACHNADZE,
DEALS WITH "OFFICIAL RADIO STATION" BROADCASTING TO USSR AND
OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES (VOA, BBC,
DEUTSCHE WELLE, VOICE OF ISRAEL), "AS WELL AS 'UNOFFICIAL'
BUT CIA-FINANCED STATIONS 'FREEDOM' AND 'FREE EUROPE,'
WHICH TRANSMIT THEIR RADIO PROGRAMS FROM TERRITORIES OF FRG."

2. REVIEW QUOTES AUTHOR AS STATING ALL THESE STATIONS
STRIVE "TO DIVIDE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, TO WEAKEN UNITY IN
ACTIVITIES OF ANTIIMPERIALIST FORCES." REVIEWER CON-
TINUES, "RECOGNIZING INEFFECTIVENESS OF SLANDEROUS PROPAGANDA,
BOURGEOIS PROPAGANDISTS OFFER US 'BALANCED ANTI-
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COMMUNISM' WITH LABEL 'OBJECTIVITY'."

3. ACCORDING TO REVIEW, VOA "FREQUENTLY TURNS OVER ITS MICROPHONES TO REACTIONARY EMIGRANT CIRCLES AND TRAITORS FROM VARIOUS REPUBLICS AND REGIONS OF SOVIET UNION." AS EXAMPLE, REVIEW CITES "WAR CRIMINAL" VILIS KHAZNERS (PHON), ORGANIZER OF MASS REPRESSIONS AGAINST LATVIAN POPULATION DURING SECOND WORLD WAR...NOW HEAD OF MILITARY-FASCIIST ORGANIZATIONS 'DAUGAVAS VANAGI' (PHON)."

4. WE PRESUME AMEMBASSY MOSCOW HAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ON THIS BOOK. PLEASE ADVISE IF ANY ADDRESSEE WISHES MORE FROM LOCAL REVIEW.
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